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For: PLANT CELL DEATH SYSTEM Attorney Docket No: 9341-028-999

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a Response to a Restriction Requirement be extended for a period of two (2) month(s) from March 3, 2003 to and including May 5, 2003, May 3, 2003 being a Saturday.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$410.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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